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ABSTRACT

This book provides a new look at adolescent girls. The sections and chapters reveal the strengths and positive assets of adolescent girls, their relationships, and their communities. It takes a new look at the strengths and successes of adolescents within the context of their race, ethnicity, class, self, sexual orientation, relationships and community. Focusing on strengths, it takes a look at factors of resilience and proposes models to support adolescent girls in their transitional development. The book contains five sections, each beginning with an introduction by the section editor. "Developing the Woman in Myself" (Judith Worell, Ed.) considers the development of self in the context of sociocultural expectations for the gendered self, the competent self, and the physical self. "Adolescent Girls of Color: Declaring Their Place and Voice" (Jessica Henderson Daniel) both underscores the critical importance of understanding the role of ethnicity, culture, and race in any discussion of adolescent girls and provides data about the implications of the neglect in psychological research on diversity. "To the Heart of the Matter: The Relational Lives of Adolescent Girls" (Lyn Mikel Brown, Ed.) provides complex lenses for looking at and thinking about adolescent girls' relationships. "Coping, Negotiating, and Problem Solving in Community Contexts" (Denise M. DeZolt, Ed.) covers three critical areas for adolescent girls: the schools, the health system, and the courts. "Implications and Future Trends" (Michael C. Roberts, Ed.) discusses public policy, education and training, and clinical practice, and concludes with a summary view of past discussions on adolescent girls and what might be their future. (Contains an author and subject index.) (MKA)

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